

SENATE BILL 29

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By: **Senators Brochin, Raskin, and Zirkin**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2015

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Environment – Hydraulic Fracturing – Prohibitions

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from storing, treating, discharging, or disposing of, in the State, certain wastewater resulting from hydraulic fracturing; prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas in the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to hydraulic fracturing for the exploration or production of natural gas.

BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9–293 to be under the new part “Part IX. Hydraulic Fracturing Wastewater”;
and 14–107.1

Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

9–291. RESERVED.

9–292. RESERVED.

PART IX. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTEWATER.

9–293.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) “FLOW BACK” MEANS THE FRACTURING FLUIDS THAT RETURN TO THE SURFACE AFTER A HYDRAULIC FRACTURE IS COMPLETED.

(3) (I) “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” MEANS A DRILLING TECHNIQUE THAT EXPANDS EXISTING FRACTURES OR CREATES NEW FRACTURES IN ROCK BY INJECTING FLUIDS, OFTEN A MIXTURE OF WATER AND CHEMICALS, SAND, OR OTHER SUBSTANCES, AND OFTEN UNDER PRESSURE, INTO OR UNDERNEATH THE SURFACE OF THE ROCK FOR PURPOSES THAT INCLUDE WELL DRILLING AND THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS.

(II) “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” INCLUDES:

- 1. FRACKING;**
- 2. HYDROFRACKING; AND**
- 3. HYDROFRACTURING.**

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT STORE, TREAT, DISCHARGE, OR DISPOSE OF, IN THE STATE, FLOW BACK OR OTHER WASTEWATER RESULTING FROM HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.

14-107.1.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” MEANS A DRILLING TECHNIQUE THAT EXPANDS EXISTING FRACTURES OR CREATES NEW FRACTURES IN ROCK BY INJECTING FLUIDS, OFTEN A MIXTURE OF WATER AND CHEMICALS, SAND, OR OTHER SUBSTANCES, AND OFTEN UNDER PRESSURE, INTO OR UNDERNEATH THE SURFACE OF THE ROCK FOR PURPOSES THAT INCLUDE WELL DRILLING AND THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS.

(2) “HYDRAULIC FRACTURING” INCLUDES:

- (I) FRACKING;**
- (II) HYDROFRACKING; AND**
- (III) HYDROFRACTURING.**

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING OF A WELL FOR THE EXPLORATION OR PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.